



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

July 22, 2011

The Honorable Linda D. Thompson  
Mayor, City of Harrisburg  
10 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, #202  
Harrisburg, PA 17101-1677

**Re: City of Harrisburg – Act 47**

Dear Mayor Thompson:

I look forward to continuing to work with you on the City of Harrisburg Act 47 process. As you know, following the City Council's action on July 19, 2011, Act 47 now provides for you to develop a plan.

There are certain specific time frames set forth in Section 246 of Act 47 related to the development, review and approval of your plan, but the act is also silent on various time frames and steps in the process. Given the importance of this situation and the time constraints involved, I would like to propose a more detailed time and action schedule than is set forth in the act. The purpose of the schedule which is attached is to try to set forth a reasonable process that will move things forward while providing the opportunity for all stakeholders to give input in the process. Attached is our proposed schedule. If you or your representatives could give any comments you may have to Fred Reddig, we can hopefully move forward on this basis.

I would also like to let you know that the Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCED") would like to be cooperative and helpful to you as you proceed with the preparation of your report. Once again, if you have specific matters where we could be helpful, please communicate with Fred Reddig.

I do need to be clear that under Section 246 of the Act, I, as Secretary of DCED, will need to make an ultimate decision on whether to approve or disapprove the plan. Even though I am making the sincere offer of cooperation and assistance from DCED in your effort, that does not preclude me from making the ultimate decision with respect to the plan under Section 246.

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Allow me to make one suggestion regarding the substance of the plan you develop. Given the very tight time frame involved with the City's current cash position, the steps for recovery should be based on existing statutory authority.

I look forward to working with you toward a successful outcome for the City of Harrisburg.

Sincerely,



C. Alan Walker  
Secretary

Enclosure

**CITY OF HARRISBURG – ACT 47 SCHEDULE**  
**(Dated: July 22, 2011)**

**July 2011**

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**August 2011**

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Date	Action	Comments (Section References are to Act 47)
Tuesday, July 19	City Council rejects Coordinator's plan.	Pursuant to §245.
By Tuesday, August 2	Mayor presents plan.	Pursuant to §246(a).
By Tuesday, August 2	Mayor delivers plan to parties listed in §242(a)(1) to (6). The plan shall be deemed filed on the date on which the city clerk places a true and correct copy of the plan on file for public inspection in the municipal office.	There is no provision for delivery of the Mayor's plan. This would follow the basic procedure used for delivery of the coordinator's plan in §242(a) and (b).
By Tuesday, August 2	Mayor publishes notice that a public hearing will be held on the plan.	Pursuant to §246(a)(2). This section cross-references the publication procedure in §242(c) – published in the county legal reporter and one or more newspapers of general circulation in the city. The notice will need to be sent to these papers in advance so as to be published by this date.
By Friday, August 12 (assuming the plan is filed on August 2)	Public hearing is held.	Pursuant to §246(a).
By Friday, August 12 (assuming the plan is filed on August 2)	Coordinator attends public hearing and furnishes written and oral comments on the plan.	Pursuant to §246(a)(1).
By Wednesday, August 17	Deadline for submission of written comments on plan.	§246 contains no provision for submission of written comments or

		deadline therefor. Suggest 15 days to submit as in §242(d) for coordinator's plan.
By Friday, August 26	If Mayor decides to revise the plan, then revised plan delivered to the parties listed in §242(a)(1) to (7) within 14 days of the public hearing.	§246 contains no procedure for preparation of a revised plan. This suggested procedure is similar to that for the coordinator's plan in §244, except 14 days instead of 10 days after the hearing.
By Tuesday, September 6	City Council takes action to approve or reject plan within 25 days of the public hearing.	Pursuant to §246(c). But §246(c) contains no time frame. Suggestion is to follow the 25 day provision similar to that for the coordinator's plan in §245.
By Tuesday, September 20	If City Council approved the plan, then DCED Secretary approves or disapproves the plan within 14 days of City Council approval.	Pursuant to Section §246(d). But §246(d) contains no time frame. Suggestion is for determination to be made within 14 days of City Council's approval.